



IN THE CLAIMS

1-8(Canceled).

9(Currently Amended). ~~The method of Claim 8, further comprising the step of~~ A method of protecting a doorjamb from rot-inducing air, moisture and foreign particulates, said method comprising the steps of:

a.) obtaining a doorjamb end cap comprising a peripheral wall integrally formed with a bottom wall, said peripheral wall and said bottom wall defining a recess dimensioned to receive at least a portion of the doorjamb therein;

a'.) scaling down all surfaces of the portion of the doorjamb;

b.) fitting the portion of the doorjamb with said end cap; and

c.) facilitating flush surface seating and engagement of said end cap over the portion of the doorjamb.

10(Original). The method of Claim 9, wherein said step of scaling down all surfaces of the portion of the doorjamb includes scaling down the portion to a depth equivalent to the thickness of said peripheral wall of said end cap, and to a length equivalent to the length of said peripheral wall, thereby creating a lip around the doorjamb.

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11(Original). The method of Claim 10, further comprising the step of slidably engaging said end cap over the scaled-down portion of the doorjamb such that an upper peripheral edge of said peripheral wall abuts the lip of the doorjamb.

12(Original). The method of Claim 11, further comprising the step of placing a foaming and sealing agent within a fractional gap disposed between an inner surface of said end cap and an outer surface of the portion of the doorjamb, thereby prohibiting the entry of rot-inducing air, moisture and/or foreign particulates therein.

13(Original). The method of Claim 12, further comprising the step of sealing a seam formed between said upper peripheral edge of said peripheral wall and the lip of the doorjamb.

14(Original). The method of Claim 13, wherein said step of sealing the seam includes applying a sealant thereover and selectively therebetween for creating an additional protective barrier.

15(Original). The method of Claim 14, further comprising the step of painting at least said end cap.

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16(Currently Amended). The method of Claim 9 7, wherein the portion of the doorjamb is pre-manufactured to a select dimension to facilitate flush surface seating and engagement of said end cap thereover.

17(Canceled).

18(Currently Amended). The method of Claim 20 47, wherein the door structure is selected from the group consisting of doorjambs, doorframes and doors.

19(Canceled).

20. ~~The method of Claim 19, further comprising the step of~~ A method of protecting a base portion of door structure from rot-inducing air, moisture and foreign particulates, said method comprising the steps of:

a. obtaining an end cap comprising a peripheral wall integrally formed with a bottom wall, said peripheral wall and said bottom wall defining a recess dimensioned to receive the portion of the door structure therein;

b. fitting the portion of the door structure with said end cap;

c. facilitating flush surface seating and engagement of said end cap over the portion of the

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door structure; and

d. scaling down all surfaces of the portion of the door structure.

21(Original). The method of Claim 20, wherein said step of scaling down all surfaces of the portion of the door structure includes scaling down the portion to a depth equivalent to the thickness of said peripheral wall of said end cap, and to a length equivalent to the length of said peripheral wall, thereby creating a lip around the door structure.

22(Original). The method of Claim 21, further comprising the step of slidably engaging said end cap over the scaled-down portion of the door structure such that an upper peripheral edge of said peripheral wall abuts the lip of the door structure.

23(Original). The method of Claim 22, further comprising the step of placing a foaming and sealing agent within a fractional gap disposed between an inner surface of said end cap and an outer surface of the portion of the door structure, thereby prohibiting the entry of rot-inducing air, moisture and/or foreign particulates therein.

24(Original). The method of Claim 23, further comprising the step of sealing a seam formed between said upper peripheral edge of said peripheral wall and the lip of the door structure.

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25(Original). The method of Claim 24, wherein said step of sealing the seam includes applying a sealant thereover and selectively therebetween for creating an additional air and/or moisture barrier.

26(Original). The method of Claim 25, further comprising the step of painting at least said end cap.

27(Currently Amended). The method of Claim 20 ~~17~~, wherein the portion of the door structure is pre-manufactured to a select dimension to facilitate flush surface seating and engagement of said end cap thereover.

28-34(Canceled).